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### **LOS ANGELES AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS WATERSHED ADVISORY TASK FORCE WATERSHED FEASIBILITY STUDY - MAY 14, 2002, AGENDA NO. 67**

On September 10, 1996, your Board approved creation of a Los Angeles River Watershed Advisory Task Force. This 28-member Task Force was charged with conducting a one-year review of alternatives to the LACDA Project under construction by the Corps of Engineers. The Task Force unanimously recommended that additional environmental restoration opportunities be explored and a new task force be created.

On April 30, 1998, your Board approved the new Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Advisory Task Force. This 12-member Advisory Task Force conducted a two-year effort to identify potential opportunities and guidelines related to improving recreation, land use and habitat management, water conservation, water quality and flood control, within the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers watersheds. This effort is summarized in the watershed feasibility study which has been forwarded to your Board for acceptance on May 14, 2002.

The Advisory Task Force conducted the Watershed Feasibility Study at a cost of \$800,000, equally shared between the Corps and the County. The study included public outreach and development of a list of potential multipurpose sites through GIS modeling. The Advisory Task Force recommended pursuing feasibility studies and ultimately construction of three projects. Funding would be through the Corps' funding process. These potential projects are the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Headworks Spreading Grounds, Lakewood, and Cal Poly Pomona sites. We are working with the jurisdictional entities to see if they are interested and would accept being the local sponsor.

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The Watershed Feasibility Study also includes a framework for preparing the Integrated Basin Management Plan (IBMP). The objective of the IBMP will be to bring together the stakeholder groups in the region to formulate a mutually acceptable approach to watershed management and development. The Advisory Task Force is recommending that current watershed management plan efforts in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel River watersheds be monitored over the next two years for consideration in developing the scope of the future IBMP. This IBMP, if deemed necessary, would be developed by the Corps in conjunction with various State agencies, Public Works, and Cities to represent a regional perspective in managing the watersheds.

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